



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

*A purpose joyful; A courage blameless*

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Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa

Piki mai kake mai ki tēnei taumata ki te whakanui o Te Kura Tuarua o  
Te Aroha

Nō reira, nau mai haere mai

Welcome to 2018 and another great year of education and success at Te Aroha College.

A special welcome to all our new students, staff and parents joining us for the first time.

It has been a very busy start to the year.

**Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei**

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a  
lofty mountain*

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

**A PURPOSE JOYFUL A COURAGE BLAMELESS  
HE WAKA EKE NOA HE TU MANAWANUI KI TE KEI O TE WAKA**



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## Year 13 Camp



Year 13 camp saw the return of our senior students with the key focus on leadership and cultural awareness. Their two day camp focused on preparing them to host our opening Pōwhiri as our cultural leaders of the school and setting the scene for their year as leaders representing the values of our school. The camp included welcomes on to our local Marae and a formal Taiwanese welcome to the Waihi Academy where our camp was hosted. The students also focused on peer support and restorative practice training as part of the programme.

## School Leaders



Capably lead by our Co Presidents and Deputy Co Presidents the camp was a great success. We look forward to the year working with Liam Neli and Meesha Ross, Co Presidents along with Sergio Schuler and Nichole Suarez Perdomo through 2018





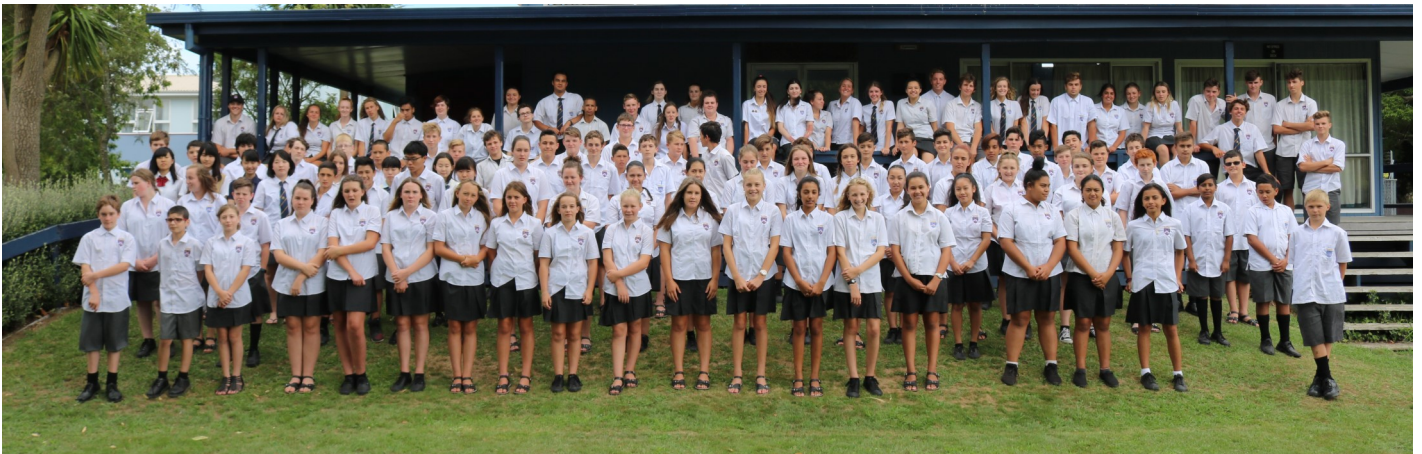
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## Pōwhiri

The Pōwhiri and welcome was very well attended and it was a great opportunity to welcome our new students and their families to our school. We would like to thank both Whaea Mapuna and Matua Rawiri for their guidance and leadership and a special thank you to Paul Spicer for speaking on behalf of our new students, staff and families.







## Academic Success



We have celebrated excellent pass rates for our senior students who sat NCEA with many learning areas enjoying top internal and external results. We congratulate the large group of students who have excelled achieving either full Excellence or full Merit Endorsement for their year's work. This is an incredible achievement and shows the commitment to success for both our students and teachers. Congratulations to:

**Level 3: Excellence** Teagan Gorman, Shannon Jerkovich, Sara Brunsdon, Taya Kinley, Ruby Spooner, Tatiana Kaumoana, Madison Spooner, Cayla Pearson

**Level 3: Merit** Matthew Millward, Jade Kerridge, Anthony Zhong, Tyla Qualtrough, Pilar Ferreira, Nisara Jayalath

**Level 2: Excellence** Nichole Suarez Perdomo, Meesha Ross

**Level 2: Merit** Nicholas Hagan, Kate Morris, Sergio Schuler, Olivia Simmonds, Manisha Williams

**Level 1: Excellence** Paige Spooner, Brooke Sweeney, Leah Russell

**Level 1: Merit** Dejaan Schuler, Sonya Williams, Megan Cochran, Amy Shotton, Tatianna Karika, Amy Cochran, Katie Lee Roper, Ethan Admiraal, Leon Van den Heuvel, Dion Wilson, Julia Balsom, David Nguyen Huu

We also celebrate the incredible number of regional and national scholarships achieved by our outgoing year 13 students in support of their tertiary study which totalled well over \$180,000.00.



## New Staff

We have been very fortunate to appoint an exceptional group of new staff to join our teaching team. We are very pleased to welcome:

Jamie Reid who joins us from Wellington as our new teacher of Physics and Science. He has a keen interest in triathlon, sailing and sports.

We welcome Arleen McLaren as a full time teacher of Māori and Social Science and congratulate Arleen on the completion of her teacher training. We look forward to Arleen's incredible cultural strengths and knowledge as we grow Maori Language and cultural understanding within the school and community.

We welcome David Chen who is joining us from Christchurch as our new teacher of Mathematics. David is an incredibly talented young man. Originally from Northern China, he has studied in New Zealand for the past seven years and brings a wealth of cultural experience and also a passion for geography and mountaineering.

We welcome Annalise Pulman in History and Social Science for the year while Torina Halford enjoys maternity leave. Annalise comes to us from Morrinsville and has fantastic strengths in debating and an absolute passion for history.

We welcome Ginny Carney. Ginny will begin later in the term teaching Business, Accounting and Mathematics. She will join us from Hamilton Girls High School and comes with a range of teaching skills and strengths including technology, computing

and early childhood training.

Grant Aitken will be stepping in to lead the Humanities team in Torina Halford's absence.

Brittany Park is also working with us for the first half of the term in the maths team before she heads off on her big OE.

We also welcome back Wayne Stringer who has been given a clean bill of health after his term away on leave.

Laura Wade been appointed as Year 12 Dean.

Greg Stewart is on leave for the next few weeks. Anthony Berkers will be relieving Mr Stewart's classes in the interim. Anthony has worked with us in 2017 as a student teacher and is pleased to be returning.

## House Captains

We have announced our House Captains for 2018. Congratulations to:

Arawa: Rhiannon Rickwood, Jasmine Hobbs

Aotea: Eden Qualtrough, Mitchell Traynor

Tainui: Kate Morris, Alfred Howell

Tokomaru: Britney Martin, Thomas Forrest

Swimming Sports starts our calendar of full school events with heats beginning this week and swimming sports on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of February**. We remind all families that attendance at swimming sports is expected for all students. Any parents available to help out with time keeping please contact Mr Jager: [pjager@tearohacollege.school.nz](mailto:pjager@tearohacollege.school.nz).



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## Property Redevelopment

School Property has been a big focus over the holidays with major works completed or in progress. F Block is receiving its painting upgrade and will soon match the administration block with its new colour scheme. All damaged paving has been lifted and new paving will be going down for autumn. All the old prefab buildings have been removed. The gym hidden under its plastic shell has now had all the old roof, toilets and interior cladding removed and work has begun on its upgrade. We are all very pleased with the progress made during the break.



## Being Great at Te Aroha College

In 2018 our focus for students is on being GREAT. We are working hard to ensure our students develop the skills and attributes that we believe will support them to be successful life long learners in this rapidly changing world.

- Globally Connected
- Respectful and Responsible
- Effective Communicators
- Active Achievers
- Thoughtful Leaders



Our 2018 Priorities - OUR GREAT SCHOOL IS ALL ABOUT LEARNING

- Refining and building on quality teaching and learning practice
- Building student ownership of learning
- Building authentic, engaging, positive and collaborative teaching and learning experiences
- Developing Learning Relationships that focus on our graduate profile, key competencies
- Nurturing a Positive Respectful Learning Environment for Students, Teachers and our Community





## Korean Visit

Beginning early in January we hosted 42 Korean students and their support staff. This was a new approach to hosting where our students acted as formal tutors alongside a selected team of staff and support staff. Both our visitors and student tutors learned a great deal from this cultural exchange. This was a very positive start to our new year campaign of building our global connections and providing our students with the opportunity to work with the world. A real highlight was the work done by Calab Craddock in teaching the Korean boys our school Haka. A special thank you to our home stay families and Diana Jager and her team for the considerable work that went in while the rest of New Zealand holidayed.



## TEN TIPS FOR PARENTS WITH CYBERTEENS

1. **Ban bedrooms:** Prevent your teen from going to their rooms with a device. Make them use them in the lounge or kitchen and keep the charger in a central area such as the kitchen. You can also use this charging time to check texts, social media posts and emails.
2. **Set time limits:** Decide each night to turn off devices and a time when they are allowed on again.
3. **Create passwords:** Make sure you know the passwords for all of their devices and various social media accounts. Also, follow your teen's accounts so you can see what they are posting but maybe promise not to post anything on their accounts so you don't embarrass them.
4. **Regular checks:** Let them know that you'll occasionally check their texts, emails, posts, photos and settings. Explain that it's not spying, you're just teaching them to be responsible.
5. **Get it in writing:** Consider drawing up a contract between yourself and your teen outlining the dos and don'ts. Include consequences for rule violations.
6. **Teach consequences:** Talk to your teen regularly about the dangers of constantly accessing the internet and posting on their social pages. Tell them never to post anything they wouldn't want their parents or teachers to see.
7. **Teach yourself:** The best way to know what your kids are capable of is to know how to use these devices and websites yourself.
8. **Cyberbullying:** Keep a very close eye on any evidence of cyberbullying. If you suspect something, talk to your teen first. Also, take screenshots as evidence for police and school.
9. **Limit apps:** If you have an iTunes or Google Play account, keep the password private so you limit what they buy. Get them to ask permission for each app download.
10. **Have manners:** Make sure they understand the consequences if they are unpleasant to anyone online.

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